9th December 1999 at New Delhi. The seminar concluded that the benefits from these multi-purpose projects far outweighed the adverse impact. Central Government does not maintain record of the number of people displaced by dams. However, a study carried out by Central Water Commission indicates that about seven million people have been displaced on account of construction of large dams.

Cost Escalation of Narmada Dam Project

3366. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minster of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of progress of Narmada Dam Project indicating the expenditure so far incurred thereon;

(b) what was the original estimated cost thereof, stage-wise and the cost-escalation incurred so far; and

(c) the number of villages in Kutch (Gujarat) to be provided with drinking water with the completion of the Dam and how far the drinking water scheme as a whole has progressed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b)The original estimated cost of Sardar Sarovar Project at 1986-87 price level as approved by the Planning Commission in October, 1988 and the expenditure incurred upto February 2000 is as under:—

Unit/Group		Approved Cost (1986-87) Price level	Exp. Commulative up to Feb., 2000
UNIT-I	DAM/APPT. WORKS	1019.45	1840.11
UNIT-II	MAIN CANAL	1588.54	2804.14
UNIT-	HYDRO POWER	979.95	969.82
GROUP	IV BRANCHES & DIST.	2818.10	2044.08
GROUP	V COMMON EXP.	17.99	1519.52
GROUP	VI NON SHARABLE EXP.	—	
	TOTAL	6406.04	9195.66

The progress of work on various components of the project at the ends of February, 2000 is as under:—

SI. No	Component	Progress ; Work in Percentage & Concerning Concreting		total Qty. Drilling
1.	UNIT-I			
	I. MAIN DAM	98.88	85.75	84.40
	II. VADGAM SADDLE DAM	100.00	100.00	100.00
2.	UNIT-II			
	I NARMADA MAIN CANAL (0 to 144.5 Km.)	99.47	99.98	97.5 2
	II. NARMADA MAIN CANAL (144 to 263 Km.)	95.24	94.70	91.21
3.	UNIT-III	95.85		
	I. RIVER BED POWER HOUSE OPEN UNDER GROUND	91.55		
	II. CANAL HEAD POWER HOUSE	100.00	100.0	100.0
4.	UNIT-IV			
	I. BRANCH CANAL (0-144.5 Km.)	97.56	93.92	98.66
	II. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	83.15	84.34	87.95
	III. SEVEN MAJOR STRUCTURES	99.12	81.48	92.66
	IV. BRANCH CANAL (144-263	79.71	—	50.00
	V. SAURASHTRA BRANCH CANAL AND ITS BRANCHES.	89.72		73.1 1

While hearing the Writ Petition filed by Narmada Bachao Andolan in April, 94 the Supreme Court in its order dated 5.5.1995 had directed to maintain the effective height of dam at RL 81.5M and subsequently permitted *vide* interim order on 18.2.1999, to raise the height of dam upto RL 85 M excluding humps required for the safety of dam. Further raising of dam *subjudice* in the Supreme Court.

A definite construction schedule is necessary to estimate the cost escalation which depends on the final verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(c) Government of Gujarat has established an undertaking to prepare detailed plan for drinking water supply to 8125 villages and 135 towns, which include, 948 villages and 10 urban Centres in Kutch region. Drinking water supply for Kutch region is proposed from on Kutch Branch Canal taking off at ch 374.75 Km. of the main canal.